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OREGON WEATHER

+ Fair tonight and Thursday; +
+ northwesterly winds. +
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IRRIGATION A NECESSITY

The Rogue river valley is just good enough without water; for irrigation to keep irrigation from being general. If crops could not have been grown here without the artificial application of water, the valley would today be producing ten-fold the crops it is today. Had it been classed as an arid region, capital would have been readily available to bring the waters, which flow here in abundance, upon the acres. But there are those who always maintain that irrigation is not needed, and they have been able to produce good enough crops to tickle them along year after year without putting forth the effort required to bring irrigation. The results produced by the application of water prove the futility of dry farming in southern Oregon. The lands once placed under water are far too valuable to go without water.

The truth of this should be forced home to every resident of this district through the statement made by T. R. Cutler, manager of the 16 sugar factories of the Utah-Idaho company. With his party, Mr. Cutler has just completed a pretty seriously comprehensive survey of conditions in the Rogue valley. His company was seriously contemplating the building of its 17th factory in the Medford territory, and had made a contingent offer of construction. After viewing the growing beets Mr. Cutler announces that unless Jackson county can give assurance that more lands will be placed under irrigation, no factory will be built there, and the people are given till October 1st to supply this assurance. In speaking of Mr. Cutler's visit, the Medford Sun says:

"The Rogue river valley, said T. R. Cutler, vice-president and general manager of the company, is well suited as to soil and climate for the growing of beets. However, he explained, he and his associates had found after carefully examining all the beet acreage in the valley that non-irrigated beets are already shrinking and the tops beginning to wilt whereas the irrigated beets are showing up splendidly and through this sunshiny weather are showing increased gains.

"A sugar factory cannot continue to operate, he continued, unless the beets can be grown profitably by the farmer. Investigation convinced him that they cannot be grown in sufficient tonnage and high enough sugar content without irrigation, to be profitable to the farmer."

Charles Evans Hughes, who will probably occupy the White House after the fourth day of next March, is coming to the state of Oregon next week. But Portland insists that the state of Oregon means Portland in politics as in everything else, and that therefore the best way to put it is that Hughes is coming to Portland. Tentative arrangements had been made for the distinguished visitor to come through southern Oregon by daylight, leaving Portland after an extended visit in that portion for the south on train No. 15, and making brief addresses from the car platform at Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland and other cities en route. That they can keep Hughes in the Portland neighborhood a little longer,

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er, the people in charge are attempting to change this plan and send Hughes through southern Oregon on the Shasta Limited at night. Will some one please send the people of Portland a map with southern Oregon marked upon it?

There is a call for the article that Joaquin Miller wrote of the Marble Halls of Oregon after his visit in 1909. Will some one who has a copy please so notify the local Commercial club secretary?

ATTEMPT TO PULL BEAR INTO DEEP WATER

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 9.—The first effort to pull the steamer Bear off the reef on which she went two months ago, with the loss of five lives, will be made at 6:30 tonight. A tug went to the scene this afternoon to attach lines to the vessel and make the first pull. It is not expected that the Bear will be floated tonight, however. The final pull, by several tugs, will be made Sunday.

Anything to write.
Tourist (at Irish hotel)—You seem tired, Pat. Walter—Yes, sorr; up very early this morning—half past 6. Tourist—I don't call half past 6 early. Walter (quickly)—Well, half past 5, then.—London Punch.

HERR VON BATOCKI.

Recently Appointed Food Dictator of Germany.



GORITZ CAPTURED.

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fighting around Goritz. The whole city was instantly be-flagged when announcement of the capture of Goritz bridgehead was made. A huge crowd gathered in Piazza Colonna and cheered the army, King Victor Emmanuel and General Cadorna. In other cities—Milan, Bologna, Leghorn and Florence—great crowds gathered in patriotic demonstrations that lasted all night. The general conviction is that the war office statement was most conservative and that Italy is on the brink of a great and decisive victory that will send Italian armies marching on Trieste.

"This is only the beginning of operations promising great developments," said the newspaper Corriere d'Italia. Indisputably, the enemy's front has been broken.

The censor is now permitting publication of some despatches relating to the beginning of the Isonzo offensive. The drive began shortly after daybreak Sunday, with a steady hail of Italian shells for a period of nine hours along a 20-mile front extending down the Isonzo to the Adriatic. Italian warships in the upper Adriatic supported the land artillery with a bombardment of the Austrian left wing.

"No such awe-inspiring cascade of fire ever before has been witnessed on the Italian front," wired one Italian correspondent. "So violent were the incessant earthquake-like phenomena produced by the big shells that houses in the Goritz plain were shattered or collapsed solely through force of the seismic waves. The mouths of vast caverns on the Carso plateau in which thousands of Austrian troops had sought refuge were choked by tons of debris and converted into living tombs.

"At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the order was given for the infantry to leave their trenches. The spectacle of these hardy warriors as they bounded forth recalled the heroes of legendary lore. Many of their front ranks wore around their helmets a floral garland, specially woven by the women of Trieste, Schio, Voralstia and Vicenza. With the stirring cry of 'Great Italy forever,' they bounded across the dunes at the bridgehead and further down scaled the lines of Carso plateau, engaging in hand-to-hand struggles. At the head of the main forces ran men bearing aloft big white discs mounted on slender, grey green poles, so as to guide the gunners in lifting their range as the infantry advanced."



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CONDITIONS IN MEXICO BETTER

By William G. Shepherd

San Antonio, Aug. 9.—Mexico is coming back. It's not a dead rubber nation; it's got a bounce in it. A summary of the news from the heart of Mexico, gathered during the past three weeks along the border from Americans incoming from Mexico, shows beyond doubt that conditions are improving, confidence in Carranza is growing, the situation is gaining buoyancy, Carranza money is gaining in value and business is picking up.

J. P. French, head of the Mexican Sewer Pipe company, displayed a telegram in San Antonio today from his Mexico City office, saying:

"Come back. Things going well. Trains running regularly between here and border."

Robert J. Philippi, American head of the Mexican Asphalt company, has signed a contract for repairing pavements of the capital and the work is going on rapidly. He is finding difficulty in getting enough labor. Trade payments made to the company by the government are regular and on a gold basis.

Alameda park, with its scores of fountains, more beautiful than any in the United States, is being kept in tip-top shape. Paseo de la Reforma a boulevard, as beautiful as any in the world, is flowered, mowed and watered as usual.

On a gold basis, Americans eat at the American club, paying the equivalent of 15 cents a meal.

Laborers are receiving advanced wages in every line, though prices are not rising.

"Mexico always starts to bounce back if you let her alone," said an experienced American. "She's doing it now."

Punitive expeditions caught Mexico as she was bouncing upward.

E. S. Westrup of Monterey, in a letter, says:

"There was less difficulty in the circulation of money but with news of the raid a chill ran through business."

Villa raids, however, with the punitive expeditions, have been outlived and offset. With mines opening; with unprecedented rains assisting crops; with money rising and a presidential election in sight, the outlook for Mexicans in Mexico is better than it has been for several years.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Aug. 9.—Today's market quotations were:

Wheat—Club, 110; bluestem, 115.
Oats—No. 1, white feed, 27.75.
Hogs—Best live, 9.75.
Prime steers, 7.00; fancy cows, 5.00; best calves, 7.50.
Spring lambs, 8.25.
Butter—Creamery, 30; Country, 29.
Eggs—Selected local extras, 30 @ 32.
Hens, 15; broilers, 16 @ 17; geese 10 @ 11.
Copper 28 1/2.

Cordouan Light.

One of the most beautiful of the early lighthouses and the first tower in a sea swept position was Cordouan light on the coast of France at the entrance to the river Gironde. It was built in 1611, and, although it has been remodeled, some of the original structure is still there, over 200 feet high.

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Slow Parting.

William Dean Howells, the novelist, was talking about a poet.

"His work is overrefined, overdelicate, overnice," he said.

"In short, his work reminds me of the young husband who said to his bride at the end of the honeymoon:

"Darling, I'll have to leave you every morning hereafter to go to business; but, to make the parting less abrupt, I'll no longer take the 8:15 express, as I used to do. I'll take the 8:20 slow accommodation."

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